

AVERTS A STRIKE

President Mitchell's Advice Is Taken by Convention.

OLD SCALE READOPTED

Award of Anthracite Commission to Be Continued in Force if All Old Men Are Reinstated—Three-Year Contract Probable.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 5.—On the advice of President Mitchell, representing the subscale committee, the miners' convention today unanimously voted to adopt the first proposition of the operators, a continuation of the award of the Anthracite Coal Commission, with the modification that the term for which it is to continue shall be mutually agreed upon. The operators' suggestion was that it should be at least three years.

The action of the convention, together with a request for a conference on Monday, was telegraphed by Mr. Mitchell to Chairman George F. Baer, of the operators' committee, and an answer was received agreeing to a conference at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The only matters to be discussed at the conference are the length of time the award shall continue and the provision that there shall be no discrimination against the men who obeyed the United Mineworkers' suspension order.

It is practically certain that the operators will not accede to any suggestion for a two-year agreement, as that would throw the next conference into a Presidential year, and, as the miners will not want a long term, the chances are that a three-year agreement will be eventually entered upon.

Discrimination Is Not Likely.

An intimation has reached here from President Baer that the operators will not discriminate against the miners now on suspension, and the local representatives of the coal companies say the same thing. It looks, therefore, as if a strike had been averted and the miners will return to work probably on Monday, May 14.

At the close of the convention President Mitchell made the following statement: "For several months we have been endeavoring to negotiate a wage scale and adjustment of conditions of employment with the representatives of the anthracite coal mining companies. During these negotiations we made a number of propositions, some of which materially modified our original demands. We did this not because we were convinced that our original propositions were unfair or wrong, but purely for the purpose of finding a common ground upon which we could reach an agreement that would secure and maintain peace in the anthracite coal industry."

Still Believe It Fair.

"We still believe that our first proposition was reasonably fair, notwithstanding the modifications we have made since in the interest of peace, and now we are face to face with the alternative of continuing at work under our former conditions or declaring a strike."

"In this crisis your committee recommends the following policy: "First, that we agree to work on the basis of the award of the anthracite coal strike commission for such period of time as may be agreed upon mutually between the representatives of the anthracite coal mining companies and our scale committee, provided that all men who suspended work on April 1, or since that time, or who have been dismissed because they stated they would refuse to work if a strike was declared, are reinstated in their former positions and working places."

"Second, that the scale committee proceed at once to meet the representatives of the coal companies, with a view to securing an agreement upon this basis."

In Session Until Thursday.

"Third, that the convention remain in session until Tuesday, and the scale committee shall report to the convention at that time."

"Fourth, that the suspension of work shall continue until an agreement has been made and its terms approved by the convention."

This recommendation was signed by the full scale committee, adopted unanimously by the convention, and a telegram was sent to Mr. Baer, proposing a conference on Monday.

The news that the convention had decided against a strike was received with great joy throughout the region. To the miners the news is very satisfactory. They were willing to strike if John Mitchell thought they ought to, but they are glad that he decided otherwise.

This evening it is announced that President Baer has agreed to meet President Mitchell and the miners' scale committee at 2 o'clock Monday, in New York. It is believed here that the miners will return to work Monday, May 14.

WILL PARALYZE ALL BUILDING

Strike of the Chicago Ironworkers Threatens to Affect 20,000 Men.

CHICAGO, May 5.—(Special.)—(Within two weeks 20,000 workmen in all branches of the building industry in Chicago will be thrown out of work by suspension of construction work on skyscrapers and factories affected by the strike of structural ironworkers. It may not develop into a lockout, but there will necessarily be a shutdown if the strike continues."

This was the statement made by one of the foremost building contractors of the city, and a member of the Building Contractors' Council, prior to a meeting of that organization this afternoon. William O'Brien, president of the council, would not commit himself as to whether a general lockout is contemplated. From other reliable sources, however, it was gathered that the plan of the Contractors' Council is to await the result of action by the American Bridge Company, which is planning to import nonunion ironworkers from the East.

Such a move, should it come next week, as is threatened, may precipitate a general strike by the unions. The Associate Trades, which is a delegate body, whose constitution provides for sympathetic strikes, held a meeting last night, at which it was voted to extend to the strikers "whatever support is necessary in the interest of trades-unionism."

ELEVATOR MEN MAY STRIKE

Supreme Test of Strength on Great Lakes Coming.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 5.—The monthly men in 21 of the local elevators were today ordered to strike on Monday if an attempt is made to unload grain with nonunion men. The efforts of the lake carriers to break the strike are centered on the docks. With the docks in operation, enough nonunion men can be secured to move part of their fleet.

The effort to start the grain elevators

Monday, it is expected, will be a supreme test of strength between the union and the lake carriers.

The strike of the orehandlers at the docks of the Buffalo Furnace Company was effectively broken today by the employment of nonunion men. No attempt was made by the strikers to molest the men at work there.

WILL OPERATE ALL DOCKS

Great Lake Shippers Claim They Have Men Enough.

CLEVELAND, O., May 5.—Vessel-owners here state they will put all docks in operation Monday morning, with whatever union men are available and will fill the places of the others with nonunion men. At the Mates' Union headquarters but a few members could be found, the others, the union men claim, having departed for their homes in surrounding towns, where they can better fight the long fight which they believe inevitable.

Members of the union stated today that they have added to their ranks within the past few days many mates who, not being members of the union, were anxious to enlist themselves in the cause.

PLAGUE VISITED ON ZION

DOWIETES SEE GOD'S HAND IN SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

Call Upon Followers of False Prophet Voliva to Repent—City Will Be Quarantined.

ZION CITY, Ill., May 5.—(Special.)—Great alarm has been caused by the claim of Dowie's supporters that a plague has fallen on Zion because the people rejected their prophet and first apostle. They are calling on the children of Zion to forsake the false prophet Voliva, and repent at once, predicting that the plague of smallpox, which has broken out in violent form, will be followed by even more dreadful visitations of divine vengeance.

"The days of the restoration are at hand. Pestilence, wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famine are occurring or will soon occur in various parts of the world and here also in Zion we are fulfilling the scriptures," say the Dowietes. "The day is at hand when the millennium shall come, and with the first apostle, chosen of God, shall triumph over all his enemies."

Three cases of smallpox are isolated in a little building on the lake shore. No medical aid is being given them, as such would be contrary to the tenets of Dowie, which are that all disease can be cured by prayer and laying on of hands. Where this fails, it is looked upon as a sign that God does not wish the afflicted person to recover. Neither do the Dowietes countenance vaccination and there is a disposition to resist compulsory vaccination, which is being demanded by surrounding towns.

There is great danger of a spread of the disease throughout Zion City, because the faithful flock to the pesthouse to pray for the recovery of the afflicted and from there scatter throughout the town to attend to the various duties.

The matter will be laid before the State Board of Health with the result that Zion City will be isolated from the rest of the world by quarantine.

DECLARE DOWIE NOT INSANE

Three Doctors Furnish Answer to Voliva's Principal Charge.

CHICAGO, May 5.—John Alexander Dowie, when he goes into court in an attempt to regain control of Zion City, will be strengthened, he says, by the testimony of three insanity experts, who today declared him perfectly sane.

The Voliva faction's answer to Dowie bill alleges that Dowie is mentally unsound and it is said this contention forms the keynote of the Voliva defense.

Dowie recently secured the services of three physicians whom he instructed to tell him frankly if the slightest trace of insanity were found. Today the physicians made public their verdict as follows: "After a thorough examination of John Alexander Dowie, we find him perfectly rational, of good memory and in full possession of his reason and understanding."

Auto Industry Thriving.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The automobile industry, according to a preliminary bulletin issued by the Census Bureau today, shows a very large increase for the calendar year 1905, as compared with 1904, the year of taking the 12th census. In the former year 21,386 passenger and pleasure machines were produced, as against 2315 in 1904 and 1441 vehicles of other styles in 1904, as against 407 in 1900.

In 1905 the amount of capital invested was \$20,555,247, as against \$2,788,857, or an increase of 256 per cent. The value of products increased 461 per cent, the amounts being stated at \$26,645,064 in 1905 as against \$4,748,011 in 1900.

Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learns to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to kind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they meet on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous.

In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the care of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalide' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

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